

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for assisting object organization comprising:  
in response to a first object being subjected to an action, the first object having a controlling attribute, updating a first list of a plurality of controlling attribute-specific lists corresponding to the controlling attribute of the first object according to a sort criterion related to the action, each list of the plurality of controlling attribute-specific lists corresponding to a controlling attribute and having a plurality of entries ordered according to the sort criterion and providing alternatives as to how the action can be performed relative to objects having the controlling attribute; and,  
in response to the plurality of controlling-attribute specific lists being invoked as to a second object, the second object having a controlling attribute, displaying a second list of the plurality of controlling attribute-specific lists corresponding to the controlling attribute of the second object to provide alternatives as to how the action can be performed relative to the second object.
2. The method of claim 1, further initially comprising initializing the plurality of controlling attribute-specific lists.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein each of the first object and the second object corresponds to an email.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the controlling attribute of each of the first object and the second object corresponds to a sender of the email.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein each of the first object and the second object corresponds to a file.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the controlling attribute of each of the first object and the second object corresponds to a creator of the file.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the action is movement to a folder.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the action is setting an object property.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein the sort criterion is how recent the action has been performed.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein the sort criterion is how frequent the action has been performed.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed by execution of a computer program by a processor from a computer-readable medium.